

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-20-19

Issued at: Yakutat, Thursday, June 27,
2019.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Monday,
Date: July 1, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,
December 31, 2019 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon on the Situk, Lost, and Ahrnklin River drainages to one fish per day and two in possession.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(b)(8) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 1 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2019:

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(b)(8) in the Lost River and Ahrnklin River and all drainages flowing into or between the Lost River and Ahrnklin River, the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon is a bag limit of one fish and a possession limit of two fish.

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Matt Catterson
Yakutat Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Situk River drainage is managed for a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 30,000 to 70,000 sockeye salmon, with a management target of 50,000 sockeye salmon. As of June 26, 2019, 7,964 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Situk River weir. Given the low numbers of sockeye salmon returning to the Situk River, the BEG is not expected to be achieved without reduced harvest of sockeye salmon in the Situk River sport fishery.

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